



# Boroughbridge High School

18<sup>th</sup> November 2024

## **FAO Parents/Carers of students in all year groups regarding adverse weather conditions**

Dear Parent/Carer,

As weather forecasts mention snow, I thought it was timely to remind you of our adverse weather arrangements.

### **Adverse Weather Procedure**

Decisions about closing the school or sending students home early will not be taken lightly and will be done in consultation with the Local Authority. We will always endeavour to open the school when we are safely able to do so. We will check weather reports, get advice from the bus companies and try to assess what is happening elsewhere in the county. Some buses may not be available; operators have to decide whether running vehicles on particular routes in snow and ice is too high a risk. Drivers are rarely available at times other than scheduled school runs. This is why schools often take their lead from the bus companies when deciding what to do. If the decision is made to close the school this will be communicated via our website, through Parent Mail to parents/carers and on local radio stations.

### **If there is severe weather overnight**

If the school has to be closed, a message will be published on the school website, on the North Yorkshire County Council website and will be announced on local radio stations, Greatest Hits Radio FM (97.2FM) and Radio York (104.3FM). If any student arrives at school unaware of the closure a member of staff will be there to help. Students may phone parents without charge to decide whether they should return home or wait to be collected.

### **If the weather deteriorates during the day**

- The school will be closed early only in extreme cases.
- Decisions about early closure will be communicated to staff and students as soon as this is appropriate.
- Parents will be contacted by text and Parent Mail.
- The information will be posted on the school website.
- After consulting the bus companies, students who use school buses will be told of any potential changes to normal routes to decide the best way home.
- Students being collected from school or with other arrangements will be allowed to phone home for advice on what to do. Please plan ahead with your child of what to do in a bad weather emergency.
- Students who can walk home will be sent preferably in family groups or in the company of other students who live near each other.

**If school has to be closed, then students will move to remote learning. In the event of this happening, further details will be provided.**

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Finally, please check the website rather than phoning the school as the switchboard can become very busy at times such as this and this may prevent the bus companies from being able to contact us. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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